

Aanii Fellow Tribal Citizens.

My name is Marci Reyes and I humbly and respectfully ask for your continued support in the upcoming 2021 Tribal Council General Election. During my time on Tribal Council I have held the position of Treasurer for all 8 years, as well as Chairperson of the Land & Reservation Committee for the last 4 years. I have also been a member of the following Tribal Council committees; AAWG Ad-Hoc, Legal & Legislative, Ethics and Gaming Authority.

While on the AAWG committee LTBB purchased the 311- acre parcel in Carp Lake, now known as Ziibimijwang Farm to ensure our food sovereignty. As Chairperson of the Land and Reservation Committee I was involved in the acquisition of the 37- acre parcel adjacent to Odawa Casino. The committee at the time envisioned the parcel to be for mixed use development including; a new Health Park, a large housing development with homes for elders, families, couples and single individuals, a building to house our Commodities program and a Biindigen II to further expand on diversifying our revenue stream. I advocated for building the Mackinaw casino using our own money, saving thousands of dollars in finance and interest charges. Since the doors were opened it has been a consistent money maker often exceeding projected revenues. I have also been supportive of the Traditional Tribal Burial Board in their pursuit of building a funeral home and crematorium at Odawa Circle and the development of a cemetery on Murray Rd.

The last eight years has provided me with a unique education in property acquisition, environmental impact studies, land management, long range financial & economic planning, fiscal responsibility, economic development, good governance and resiliency while taking into consideration the preservation of our traditions and culture.

If chosen to continue my service to the citizens of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians I will continue to support the Youth, Language and Elders Programs in their current efforts as well as explore additional funding sources for anticipated growth and need. I will continue to support the Health Department and their longstanding dream of constructing a new Health Park and expansion of services. I will continue to make my decisions after thoughtful consideration of all the facts along with input from the citizens while keeping in mind the seven grandfather teachings and the potential impact on the next seven generations. I will continue to support the protection of the Great Lakes and the opposition of Line 5 and I will work to rebuild the General Fund by pursuing additional revenue streams thus allowing flexibility in providing services to citizens outside of the service area.

Chii milgwech for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

Respectfully,
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